

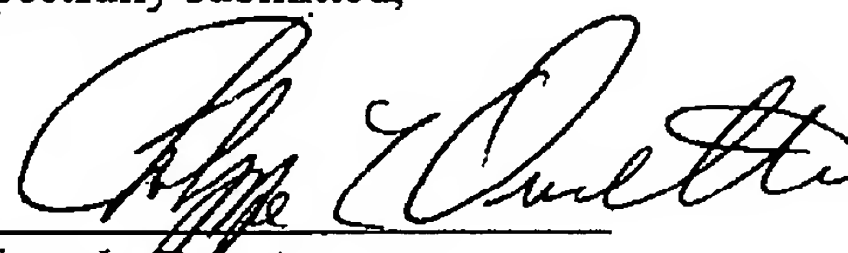
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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 23 are pending in the application. Subsequent to a telephonic interview initiated by Examiner Golam Shameem on February 14, 2008, pending Claims 8, 11, 14, 17, and 20 have been amended to introduce an asterisk adjacent to the stereogenic carbon center.

The Applicants believe that all of the objections have been overcome by amendment and therefore earnestly solicit an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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